P.S. 748: The Brooklyn School for Global Scholars PTA Meeting Minutes November 7, 2024 (6:00pm EST)

- Call to Order
- Attendance See Sign In Sheets
- Officer's Reports
 - President's Report (by Winsome Taik)
 - Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve October 2024 Meeting minutes. Approved.

• Picture Day

The student photos came in. We will organize them and distribute them soon.

Dollar Shop

We have been hosting weekly Dollar Shops. However, we did not host a sale this week because we have a big fundraiser taking place. The past sales have been snack sales, but we are not limited to selling snacks. We welcome ideas on what to sell for the next Dollar Shop.

Movie Night

Movie Night was on 10/25. Even though we had to move it indoors, it worked out and was a success. All the families had a great time. Thank you to our volunteers.

Fall Festival

PTA purchased real pumpkins and sand art pumpkins for the Fall Festival. Students had a great time. PTA is happy to contribute wherever we can.

Coin Race

We started the Coin Race Fundraiser this week. We are counting every morning to report the scores daily in the afternoon. Kids are excited and engaged. The Fundraiser will continue for another week.

• Thankful Grams

We will be distributing Thankful Grams next week for the students to take home. They can choose to write a message or draw a picture to someone they are thankful for. This is at no cost to the families. We will print the Grams to be sent home and a station will be set up at school with additional Grams and supplies.

Treasurer's Report (by Marissa Fennell)

Account Balance

Starting Balance: \$22,115.37 Ending Balance: \$20,697.83

- See Treasurer's Financial Statement
- Motion to approve \$60.00 for Coin Race Supplies Motion made and approved.

• Title One Chairperson Election (by Ms. Salerno)

- There is a vacancy for the position of Chairperson of the Parent Advisory Council ("PAC"). This person will sit on the School Leadership Team ("SLT") and meet monthly to discuss Parent Engagement activities and workshops, and how to spend the 1% of the Title One Funds, which is around \$4600.00. This person will also chair our School PAC meetings and attend District PAC meetings.
- Stephanie Wang nominates herself for the position of Chairperson.
- Motion to elect Stephanie Wang as Chairperson Motion made and approved.

• Principal's Report (by Ms. Annio)

- Respect For All ("RFA")
 - RFA is usually celebrated in February. This year, we infused the ideals behind RFA throughout the year. We meet with the students (Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5) to talk about differences and push the agenda of doing the right thing and being a Bucket Filler. This is ongoing monthly in classrooms and assemblies.
 - Ms. Macca and Ms. Cicalese, our social worker, will be holding RFA Workshops. Invitations will be sent out for this month's workshop. It will be both virtual and in person. We want to engage parents in discussion on behavior and friendship, doing the right thing, what that looks like in school and how parents can support this initiative at home.

• Family Engagement Night 11/21

Family Engagement Night for Grades 3 - 5 will be on 11/21. The lower grades (K-2) and Upper grades (3-5) Family Nights are split up to make it more manageable for staff.

Marking Period Ends 11/27

First Marking Period ends on 11/27. This has changed from the past. It used to end on 10/31.

• Parent Teacher Conference ("PTC") 12/12

Today was a full day of school for us. We put in a calendar change request, which was voted by PTA and school staff, to move the half day and PTC to 12/12 to align with the report cards. PTC is more effective if the parents had the students' grades.

• Student Government (by Ms. Guido)

- 5th Grade Student Government Elections were held. We usually hold elections in November to align with Election Day. Our student Government consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Fundraiser. These positions were elected by student vote (Grade 3 5) and tallied by Mrs. Lorina.
- If a 5th grader wants to take a role, they have to prepare an essay and read it in front of a panel of staff members. From there, they present a 1 minute speech to their peers and a vote held.
- Ms. Divirgilio takes the role of moderator to guide them. They do morning announcements and act as role models for the younger grades. They also hold fundraisers throughout the year. One major fundraiser is Relay For Life, where they will raise money for the American Cancer Society.
- Students who do not get elected will automatically be part of the Kindness Committee. The Kindness Committee supports the Student Government. They are currently running a Food Drive.

• Spelling Bee (by Ms. Guido)

We brought back the Spelling Bee for the past couple of years for Grades 3, 4 and 5. There will be Spelling Bees held in the classroom first. The winners will come to the School Spelling Bee. Ms. Guido moderates the School Spelling Bee, and we invite parents of the participants to attend. The School Spelling Bee winners will move on to the District Spelling Bee, and then to the Citywide Spelling Bee.

Questions and Answers

Q: Do we have a make up Picture Day?
 A: It is usually in December or January. We will reach out to the photographers and notify families when we have a date.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:27 PM

Next Meeting: December 12, 2024

Minutes by: Donna Lee